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Sir:

Please determine the status of the above-referenced application. We filed the application on November 21, 2003 and subsequently received a filing receipt. Since then we received a notice of publication and Assignment of Recordation, but no other communication relative to the patentability of the invention.

Respectfully submitted,

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